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NASOCEANAINST 5060.8C

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NAS OCEANA INSTRUCTION 5060.8C

Subj: COLOR GUARD

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6110.1F

1. Purpose. To establish policy concerning Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Color Guard.
2. Cancellation. NASOCEANAINST 5060.8B.
3. Discussion. The active involvement of uniformed members in appropriate ceremonies is an essential ingredient in enhancing military smartness and instilling pride and patriotism throughout the community in which we serve. A particularly effective means of promoting a crisp, professional military image is by the use of a Color Guard. Service with the Color Guard reflects the pride and firm commitment to professional excellence that Navy selection boards value highly when considering personnel for advancement.
4. Organization. The Color Guard operates under the authority of the Executive Officer. The First Lieutenant Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) shall implement the program and assign a Training Petty Officer and Program Coordinator as assistants.
5. Eligibility. The NAS Oceana Color Guard shall consist of personnel (E-1 through E-6) assigned to NAS Oceana who meet minimum standards outlined below:
 - a. Currently recommended for advancement and retention.
 - b. Capable of strenuous marching/drilling and prolonged standing.
 - c. No disciplinary infractions for a period of 12 months prior to application, to include courts-martial, nonjudicial punishment and civil convictions (except minor traffic offenses).
 - d. Be highly motivated and maintain high professional standards, as evidenced by a written endorsement from the Department Head.

Personnel who meet these qualifications and are interested in serving should submit a special request through their chain of command to the Executive Officer via the First Lieutenant LCPO.

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6. Assignment. The Color Guard shall be an all volunteer team. To this end, each department shall actively promote and seek top performers to serve in the Color Guard. Membership in the Color Guard shall be reserved for our finest Sailors as they are charged with representing the Navy and our country. The following tenant commands/departments shall provide personnel to man the Color Guard: Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment (3); Supply (2); Weapons (1) and Air Operations (1). Other tenant commands and departments may seek and encourage any outstanding member of their staff to participate. Selected personnel shall serve a minimum of one calendar year.

7. Training. The Color Guard shall conduct training every Wednesday from 1230 to 1330 under the guidance of the Training Petty Officer. All training shall be scheduled in advance and Department Heads/Special Assistants shall ensure Color Guard personnel assigned to their departments are in attendance.

8. Color Guard Equipment. Required equipment shall be funded through the First Lieutenant Division. Upkeep and replacement shall be the responsibility of the First Lieutenant LCPO who will submit a proposed budget annually to the Executive Officer for approval. The two drill rifles used by the Color Guard shall be maintained and controlled by the First Lieutenant LCPO who will ensure availability for use at official functions. The First Lieutenant LCPO shall maintain a list of members of the Color Guard who are authorized to be issued Color Guard weapons. Under no circumstances shall weapons be issued to anyone not designated in writing by the First Lieutenant LCPO without prior approval of the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer or Command Duty Officer.

9. Duty. Unless directed by the Executive Officer, Color Guard personnel shall be exempt from their department Duty Watch Bill (duty free status). Therefore, only the most deserving personnel should be nominated.

10. Scheduling. Requests for use of the Color Guard shall be submitted in writing to the NAS Oceana First Lieutenant LCPO via the Color Guard Program Coordinator. Requests shall be forwarded at least two weeks prior to the event. Normally, military functions will take precedence over community affairs. However, once an event is scheduled it shall not be cancelled without prior approval of the Executive Officer.


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